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1. DURING FIRST SECRETARIES LUNCHEON MAY 12, US AND
UK REPS REPORTED EXPERIENCES CONTAINED REFS A AND B
ABOUT RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING HUMANITARIAN CASES.

2. FRENCH REP INDICATED HE KNEW ABOUT BRITISH AND
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AMERICAN EXPERIENCES AND EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT AS TO WHY
SOME OF THE FRENCH HUMANITARIAN CASES HAD NOT ALSO BEEN
RESOLVED. HE SAID IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO PRESENT
A CONSOLIDATED LIST TO THE MFA MAY 13 ASKING FOR
PROMPT ACTION ON ALL OUTSTANDING CASES. HE SAID THE
TOTAL NUMBER OF FRENCH CASES IS ABOUT 45 ROUGHLY
DIVIDED INTO 30 FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND MARRIAGE

APPLICATIONS AND 15 "OTHERS" INVOLVING SOME CASES OF DUAL NATIONALITY. HE DID NOT MENTION IN THIS CONTEXT THE RECENT VISIT OF SED POLITBURO MEMBER AXEN TO PARIS. ASKED IF THIS MATTER CAME UP IN THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN AXEN AND FRENCH OFFICIALS, FRENCH REP SAID HE WAS NOT INFORMED THAT IT HAD.

3. AUSTRIAN, SWISS AND DANISH REPS PRESENT ALL STATED THAT THEIR HUMANITARIAN CASES WITH THE GDR WERE EITHER IN PROCESS OF RESOLUTION OR HAD ALREADY BEEN RESOLVED. AUSTRIAN REP REPEATED INFORMATION CONTAINED REF (E) ABOUT RESOLUTION OF 12 CASES IN APRIL. SWISS REP SAID 35 CASES HAD BEEN RESOLVED INCLUDING 17 WHICH HAD BEEN ON A LIST PROVIDED BY PRESIDENT GRABER TO GDR LEADER HONECKER AT THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE IN 1975. THE DANISH REP STATED THAT ELEVEN HUMANITARIAN CASES WERE BEING RESOLVED IN A ROUTINE WAY WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL APPEAL TO GDR AUTHORITIES. ALL OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES NOTED THAT MANY OF THESE CASES HAD RECEIVED GDR APPROVAL BEGINNING IN APRIL, 1977.

4. THE FRG REP STATED THAT THE RRG REPRESENTATION HAD NOTICED NO PERCEPTABLE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN CASE RESOLUTIONS BUT THAT THE PACE OF RESOLUTIONS WAS COMPARABLE TO THE REPRESENTATION'S EXPERIENCE IN 1976. HE DREW NO CONCLUSION FROM THE OBVIOUS ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESOLUTION OF CASES BY THE GDR FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.
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5. COMMENT: THIS SAMPLING OF EXPERIENCE AMONG WESTERN EMBASSIES IN EAST BERLIN APPEARS TO CONFIRM AGAIN OUR ASSUMPTION (REF E) THAT THE GDR IS UNDERTAKING TO CLEAR THE DECKS FOR BELGRADE. WHETHER ALL OUTSTANDING CASES WILL BE THUS RESOLVED IS NOT CLEAR SINCE THERE EXISTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME CASES WILL PROVE "UNSOLVABLE" FROM THE GDR POINT OF VIEW. THE FRG "EXCEPTION" TO OTHERS' EXPERIENCE MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SPECIAL INNER-GERMAN AGREEMENTS WHICH REGULATE RESOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN CASES. THE FRENCH REP APPEARED TO BE NON-PLUSSED ABOUT WHY THE FRENCH, OF ALL THE WESTERN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN, SEEMED NOT TO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE APPARENT GDR DECISION TO SETTLE THESE HUMANITARIAN CASES. HE SEEMS HOWEVER DETERMINED TO FIND OUT THROUGH PRESENTATION OF A CURRENT LIST TO GDR AUTHORITIES. POLANSKY

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